

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-5, 7-11, and 13-22, without prejudice. Please amend Claims 6 and 12, as indicated below.

B² 6. (Once Amended) An antibody or antigen binding fragment thereof which specifically binds a protein or peptide of SEQ ID NO:2 or 4.

B³ 12. (Once Amended) A kit comprising:
a) a substantially pure protein or peptide of SEQ ID NO:2 or 4; and
b) an antibody or receptor which specifically binds a protein or peptide of SEQ ID NO:2 or 4.

Please add new Claim 23, as indicated.

23. (New) A sterile or buffered composition comprising the antibody of Claim 6.

24. (New) The antibody of Claim 6 which is detectably labeled.

25. (New) The antibody of Claim 6 which is attached to a solid substrate.

B⁴ 26. (New) The antibody of Claim 6 which is a:
a) polyclonal antibody; or
b) monoclonal antibody.

28. (New) The antibody of Claim 6, wherein the antigen binding fragment is a:
a) Fab fragment;
b) Fab' fragment; or
c) F(ab)₂ fragment;
d) Fv fragment.

29. (New) The antibody of Claim 6 which is a humanized antibody.